

Community College, WNCC, in Sydney prior to transferring to Creighton University. At WNCC, Jeremy earned a spot on the president's list, the Dean's List, and was an active member of the TRIO Upward Bound Program. His military honors include the Combat Infantryman's Award, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Award.

Jeremy was the President of his hometown's PTK Alpha Rho Omicron Chapter and served on the Sidney Endowment Association Board where he was an integral part of extending benefits to his fellow veterans. Jeremy also deserves recognition for the scholarship program he implemented for veterans who joined the military after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Jeremy's dedication to public service is evident as he prepares for a career as a history teacher, where he hopes to translate his ability for helping others to a classroom setting.

Once again, I congratulate Jeremy on his tremendous achievement and I wish him luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING NISEI DIPLOMA PROJECT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate all of the 2010 Honorary Bachelor of Humane Letters degree recipients through the Nisei Diploma Project. All honorees will be recognized on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at a special awards ceremony to be held at California State University, Fresno.

During World War II, an estimated two hundred and fifty Japanese-American and Japanese immigrant students from California State University, CSU, campuses across the state had their education abruptly interrupted when Executive Order 9066 was executed in 1942. These students were forcefully removed from the west coast and incarcerated for the duration of the war. Once released many of these former students went to work and did not return to school.

On September 23, 2009 the California State University Board of Trustees unanimously voted to award Special Honorary Bachelor of Humane Letters degrees to the CSU students that were affected by the Executive Order, known as the Nisei Diploma Project. Through the passage of this project, CSU strives to heal the wounds of the Japanese-Americans living in California during World War II. By identifying the former students enrolled in the CSU system when the order was initially passed, they will honor the academic intentions of the Japanese-American students enrolled at the time by presenting an honorary degree to the former students or their families and welcoming the former students back to the campus.

California State University, Fresno has determined that there are eighty-seven eligible students through the Nisei Diploma Project. Today, they are honoring all eighty-seven students and presenting a Special Honorary Bachelor of Humane Letters degree to nineteen of those students.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the 2010 Honorary Bachelor

of Humane Letters degree recipients through the Nisei Diploma Project. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating all of the honorees.

RECOGNIZING BYRON BJORKLUND AND SHORT STOP CUSTOM CATERING OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA AS THE U.S. SBA MINNESOTA SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the U.S. Small Business Administration Minnesota Business of the Year, Short Stop Custom Catering, owned by Byron Bjorklund of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Bjorklund was inspired by a college class assignment to write a paper on running a business. From that paper, Bjorklund opened Short Stop restaurant in east St. Cloud and three years later, a second location in west St. Cloud.

Bjorklund was only a senior in college when he opened his first business, and a growing business coupled with a growing family had Bjorklund looking for options that would keep him in an industry and business he loved, while also allowing him to enjoy his family life. Opening up Short Stop Custom Catering in 1995 provided him with the freedom and security that so many entrepreneurs and business owners appreciate.

But, Bjorklund's story does not end there. Bjorklund opened his restaurant as a training facility for students with special needs. Bjorklund was particularly touched by one student with Down syndrome who returned to work at the place he loved so much even after graduating high school. Later, Bjorklund and his wife would discover their fifth child had Down syndrome and the circumstances ignited a passion for working with the Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota. Since 1999, Short Stop Custom Catering has catered the annual Buddy Walk while Bjorklund recruited donations to make the event free to the participants; over 5,000 people last year alone.

Today, Short Stop Custom Catering is a staple in the St. Cloud community, serving as an exclusive caterer to many local businesses for events and daily meals. Small businesses are the backbone and lifeblood of our neighborhoods and business owners like Byron Bjorklund remind us all of the difference one individual can make in a community.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Byron Bjorklund not just for the innovation and entrepreneurial spirit he displays, but also to ask that this body also recognize his commendable service to the St. Cloud community and the Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota.

HONORING HAROLD MCINTYRE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Harold McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre

passed away on December 4, 2009 and will be honored at the 2010 Valley Area Agency on Aging Senior Power Day for his work with the veterans of Genesee County. Senior Power Day will be held tomorrow at Crossroads Village in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Harold McIntyre worked as a Surgical Assistant at Flint General Hospital and in the Public Relations Department of The Flint Journal prior to his retirement. He served on the Westwood Heights District Board of Education and was the past commander of the Leo P. Crow VFW Post. A veteran of the Vietnam War he formed the McFarlan Park Veterans Committee to ensure the names of service personnel killed during their service were added to the monument. He was committed to renovating McFarlan Park as a veterans' memorial. Harold was instrumental in organizing the Downtown Small Business Association's Annual Memorial Day veterans march. In 2009 he planned the first Veterans March for the Valley Area Agency on Aging Senior Power Day. The theme was "A Tribute to World War II Veterans."

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the memory to Harold McIntyre. His work on behalf of veterans reminds us of the great debt we owe to those that sacrificed so much so we could have freedom and I commend Valley Area Agency on Aging for keeping his memory and work alive.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, and Wednesday, May 19, 2010, I was not present for 11 recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 273—"nay"; roll No. 274—"yea"; roll No. 275—"yea"; roll No. 276—"yea"; roll No. 277—"nay"; roll No. 278—"yea"; roll No. 279—"yea"; roll No. 280—"yea"; roll No. 281—"yea"; roll No. 282—"yea"; roll No. 283—"yea."

HONORING VETERANS HOME OF CALIFORNIA, FRESNO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, my colleague from California, Mr. COSTA, and I rise today to commend and congratulate the Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation upon the groundbreaking ceremony of the Veterans Home of California in Fresno. The ceremony is to be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the future site of the home and is a true testament of the hard work and dedication of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation.

Having a home dedicated to serving the needs of the veterans in the San Joaquin Valley has been a long time goal of the Central